

(b) Existing capacity-building activities and programmes should be comprehensively assessed to determine their effectiveness and to identify gaps and weaknesses in ongoing efforts, and that the specific needs of Parties with economies in transition should be further elaborated in accordance with this decision, to enable the Conference of the Parties to take a comprehensive decision at its sixth session;

2. *Invites* Parties included in Annex I but not included in Annex II to the Convention to identify their needs and priorities for capacity-building by 1 March 2000;

3. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To compile and synthesize the information submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this decision for consideration at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

(b) To develop in accordance with this decision, in close consultation with Parties at the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, and based on the information compiled and synthesized, elements of a draft framework for capacity-building activities, including elements related to capacity-building emerging from discussions of other issues under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions.

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